

St. Martin de Porres Parish

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Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00am

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Deacon William Pouncy.

R.C.I.A. Adults seeking Baptism or to make their Profession of Faith and other sacraments should contact the Director of Religious Education to register.

Reconciliation is available upon request.

Marriages: Couples must contact the Pastor six to twelve months prior to a proposed wedding date. Attendance at a Pre-Cana Session will be required.

Ministry to Sick and Shut-In: If a member of the church is in a hospital, nursing home or homebound, please call the parish office if they would like to receive the Eucharist.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Thadeo Mgimba
Deacon Couple: Rev. Mr. William & Gayle Pouncy
Deacon Couple: Rev. Mr. Bruce & Sandra McElrath
Operations Director: Yvonne Coffey
Building Engineer: Roger Lozano
Assisting the Pastor with the DRE: Marvin McCurry
Parish Secretary: Ida Gray
Custodian: Frank Clark
Housekeeper: Trancio Angelica Carpio
Religious Education Director: TBA
Music Director: Darryl Petty
Websites & Social Media Administrator: Emily Dillon

Our Mission Statement

We the people of Saint Martin de Porres Parish have come together as a **Community of Believers** to profess our faith by evangelizing ourselves, others and fostering full participation in the concern for the needs of all. We strive to bring faith, hope and love to our **Westside Community**

February 13, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel Theme: “*In God we trust*” is the motto of our country. With patience and endurance, we await the Resurrection. No matter what suffering may come, we are ready. If we trust in God, he will help us when misfortune strikes, either by offering a solution to the problem or by giving us the courage to endure it. The Gospel of Christ is our strength and support.

Sermon: Are you happy? Do you think your family is happy? Are people you know happy? In the Scriptures today, you find your own experience described.

Sometimes, you feel disappointed in everyone. As Jeremiah put it, “Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings. He is like a barren bush in the desert.” In today’s Gospel, “Jesus says you are happy, you are blest if you are poor, if you are hungry, if you are in tears, if you are rejected, if you are insulted.” What kind of happiness is this?

- Well, for many, there is happiness in having a good income. In a survey taken 20 years ago, there were people who said they were “very happy.” These were 43% of the people with incomes of \$90,000 or more per year. Of those with incomes below \$20,000 per year, only 22% said they were “very happy.” Yes, at first, money does seem to bring happiness.
- But wait a minute. It turns out that once you reach a level of \$40,000 or \$50,000 a year, money doesn’t make much difference anymore. In other words, if you’re struggling to survive, if you’re below the poverty level, yes, money does make a big difference. Professor David Schkade of the University of California teaches management in San Diego. He puts it this way: “Once you get to the lower middle class, then it takes a lot of income to make a difference. Income does matter, just not as much as people think.”
- So, scholars are coming to the conclusion that our happiness is influenced not so much by our level of income but much more so by how we compare ourselves to our friends and co-workers. This may be why people with a high income say that they are “very happy.” They don’t seem that way to other people; they may seem grumpy or grouchy. Yet, when they think

about other people who earn less than they do, why, then, do they say that they are happy. It’s the comparison that makes the difference, not the reality itself. After many interviews and much study, some researchers conclude that very wealthy people are often stressed out, working too hard, and preoccupied with many tasks, such as keeping up their houses. So, they aren’t really very happy at all.

- What makes for happiness? Psychologists have some suggestions, four to be exact. They say live near where you work; commuting is never a cause of happiness. They say that you should choose time over money. Cut back your hours of work, even if you end up earning less. Third, choose experiences that make you happy, in preference to possessions. Things you own just sit around and depreciate, anyway. Finally, spend your leisure time actively, perhaps with other people, perhaps in going out to eat, enjoying a good meal. These four ideas are the result of human science, or serious study and reflection. Perhaps they will make sense and be useful to you.

Most important of all however, is the teaching of Jesus Christ. In order to be happy, he tells us that deprivation may bring us to happiness: giving things away, fasting from food, accepting sorrow and loss, enduring rejection and insult. Yes, there is wisdom here and true happiness, for one and for all. Rejoice, for your reward in heaven will be great.

-Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Closing Prayer: O God, in you we trust, in you we live. Hear our petitions, and rescue your people, through Christ our Lord..

**Please Consider
Including
St. Martin de Porres Parish
in your Will**

PARISH OFFICE

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union:

Located in

Purcell Hall 4300 W. Washington,

Tel. 773-626-0776

Open Saturdays: 10:30-1:30p.m.

Purcell Hall Rental Information: Contact the Parish Office

Weekly Collections for FEBRUARY 6, 2022

Envelopes	\$3,419.00
Loose	1,028.00
Kolbe House	<u>80.00</u>
Total	\$4,527.00

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, February 13, 2022

✦ In Memory of Norbert Zyk from Mary Zyk

✦ Ms. Bobbie Hicks from Mrs. Joanne Walsh

We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved ones, living and deceased, by offering a Mass Intention. *Donation for Mass is \$10.00.*

BAPTISMS FOR SMALL CHILDREN

If you need the Sacrament of Baptism for Babies and small children, **call the Parish Office** during weekday business hours.

Deacon William Pouncy will contact you. There will be a meeting for Parents & Godparents after we set the date for the new date for Baptism.

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The past two years been difficult for us. We have all felt worn down. Exactly in these circumstances, the Lord speaks to us. He tells us that He is making all things new, and He invites us to share in that renewal.

So, it is appropriate and timely that we take up this year's Annual Catholic Appeal with the theme: making all things new...God's promise and our responsibility. As we embrace God's promise of making all things new, we also hear the call to work with God's plan. But how do we do this?

We pray and live out our daily responsibilities with love and generosity. We serve in the Church and in the world. We also support the Annual Catholic Appeal. When we promote the need, in programs of religious education and ministry formation to spread our faith, and in initiatives to address justice, peace, and respect for life.

As I am sure you know, and may be experiencing yourself, the Covid-19 pandemic continues to have a challenging effect at many of our parishes. Most parishes have experienced a decline in offertory since the start of the pandemic. Each parish's goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal is based on the prior fiscal year's offertory. For the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, goals are therefore based on offertory (Sundays, Holy Days, Christmas, and Easter) from Fiscal Year 2021. That fiscal year includes twelve full months of Covid-10 impact. Following normal business practice for Annual Catholic Appeal goal setting that means that most—but not all—parishes will have a lower Annual Catholic Appeal goal this year than last year. Lower average Annual Catholic Appeal goals across the Archdiocese will make it more difficult to meet the needs of our most struggling parishes and schools, but the 2022 goals should reflect the reality of what you are experiencing at your parish.

As we build on our past collaboration, I ask you once again to follow the Appeal process, and whatever modifications may need to be introduced for this year. Most specifically, your 2022 goal is 4% of the previous year's offertory income. **For Fiscal Year 2020-2021, your offertory income was \$178,195. Therefore, your target for the 2022 Appeal is \$7,128.** As you know, when contributions exceed the goal, St. Martin de Porres will receive a rebate from those donated funds.

OUR PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open weekdays from
9:30am to 5:00pm.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Every Tuesday morning mass at 9:00

Every Thursday Communal Service with Adoration and
Benediction at 9:00am

Announcement: Communication via SMdeP Parish Robocall

St. Martin de Porres has opened a Robocall account from a Company named Call Multiplier. So far, we have sent to you two test messages from Oklahoma area code - 405 number. Please be informed that we will use this number to update you on the most important issues of the parish affairs.

READERS FOR February 13, 2022

Commentator: Liz Becnel
First Reader: Janette Peters Gruszczyk
Second Reader: Jan Peters



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Danny Gardner, Sandra Coffey, Melvin Clark, LaVita Norris, Sofia McFarland, Keith Mahaffey, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Mariano Palacios, Carter Evans, Jerome Dillon, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Michael Parham, Jermaine Curtis, Stan Gruszczyk, James Harris, Jerry Harris, Larry Mapp Jr., Essie Pledage, Imogene Rhodes, Nathaniel W. Hall, Pamela D. Gee, Julius Jones, Natalie Daves, Armonie Winterspoon, Shirley Gardner, Deborah Rutledge, Bertha Anderson, Callie Gee, Luvenia Parker, Veronica Hicks, John Mannette, Jewel Austin, Anthony Adams, Elizabeth Henry, Hazel Bills, Clarence Walker, Lucy Henry, Phyllis Riley, Dawn Hicks, Ernestine Cottrell, Marian Davis

Parish Council

Meets 1st Thursday of the month at 7p.m.
Chairperson: Michael Wilson
Vice Chairperson: Jan Peters
Secretary: Michelle Haynes
Other Council Members: Marvin McCurry, Janice Matthew, Yvette Henderson, Janice Henry & Angela Wilson

Finance Council

Chairperson: Carolyn Morris
Secretary: Linda Vick
Other Council Members: Paul Morris & Diane Levy
Liaison: Michael Wilson

Parish Commissions

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

Food Pantry: Leon Williams & Richard Kimbrough
Resale Store: Patricia Buford
Bereavement: Janice Henry
Ministers of Care: Janice Henry
Liaison: Janice Henry & Janice Matthew

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION

Minister of Music: Darryl K. Petty
Liturgy Committee: Deacon William Pouncy
Lector/Commentator: Marvin McCurry
Extraordinary Ministers: Adrienne Curtis and Jewel Austin
Liaison: Marvin D. McCurry

EDUCATION COMMISSION

St. Angela Elementary School & Christ the King High School
Sacramental Prep: TBA
R.C.I.A.: Deacon William Pouncy
Lectionary Program: Julie Richardson
Liaison: Michelle Haynes & Janice Henry

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Fundraising Committee: Diane Levy
Grady Anderson Auxiliary Liaison: Marvin D. McCurry
Hospitality: Patricia Buford

Ladies of Peter Claver: Stella Palmer
Knights of Peter Claver: Michael Davis
Legion of Mary: Gerard Dupee

Men's Group: Joseph Brown
Couple's Ministry: Angela & Michael Wilson

Travel & Entertainment: Joyce Riley
Liaison: Yvette Henderson & Angela Wilson